(a) whether the National Airports Authority provide air strips for gliding training of N.C.C. (Air Wing) cadets in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the non-fulfilment of gliding training affects the cadets in getting the 'C' certificate and commissioning in the I.A.F; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government to overcome this problem?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b). At present gliding training facilities exist at Bhopal and Raipur in Madhya Pradesh. While training continues to be given at Raipur, it has been suspended at Bhopal pending settlement of claim by the National Airports Authority. At Indore a new gliding strip, already sanctioned by the State Government, is to be constructed before gliding can be resumed.

(c) Gliding forms a part of N.C.C. training in Air Squadrons but is not mandatory for obtaining 'C' Certificate or for Commission in the I.A.F.

(d) Does not arise.

Surplus staff

1446. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to reduce surplus staff in various departments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the government have identified particular wings in various departments which have become redundant or whose functions are considerably reduced; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time frame within which these wings are likely to be closed and the surplus staff deployed for other useful work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) to (d). It has been the consistent policy of Government to ensure that the staff strength in each Ministry/Department is maintained strictly within the norms and its functional requirements. For this purpose, every Ministry/Department is required to conduct staffing studies through Internal Work Study Units to assess man-power needs as per norms and to identify surplus staff, if any. The Staff Inspection Unit of the Ministry of Finance also conducts studies *suo-moto* or at the request of the various Ministries/Departments to determine the staff strength commensurate with the work-load. The studies relating to man power requirements also take into account the activities of the concerned Ministries/Departments so as to recommend areas of work which have become redundant and for which the man-power requirement cannot be justified. The identification of surplus staff is, therefore an on-going and continuous activity and no time frame can be indicated. The staff found surplus is absorbed against the existing vacancies or re-deployed through the Surplus cell of the Department of Personnel & Training.

Co-ownership right in property to women

1447. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government propose to provide co-ownership rights to women;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to bering forward legislation to amend the rights

of women with regard to property; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPNAY AFFAIRS(SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (d). No proposal for undertaking any legislation in this behalf is under the consideration of the Government at present.

Cabinet committee on trade and investment

1448. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government have reconstituted the Cabinet committee on Trade and Investment to strengthen the current export drive;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has formulated a policy on the export-front and has suggested import comprehension measures without affecting exports; and

(c) if so, whether the recommendations made by the investment panel so far have been implemented by the government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) The Committee headed by the Prime Minister and including the Finance Minister, the Minister of Agriculture and the Minister of State for Commerce reviews proposals related to foreign trade and investment from the concerned administrative Ministries.

(c) The decisions of the Committee are implemented.

Software Export to USA

1449. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether software export from India have been restricted by the U.S.A.;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Inflation Rate

1450. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: Will the minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the rate of inflation based on the wholesale price index during the last six months till the end of October, 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): The annual rates of inflation in tirms of wholesale Price Index on a point-to-point basis for the last six months till the end of October, 1991 are given below:

Annual Rate of Inflation in Wholesale Price Index (Base: 1981-82=100)

Month	*Rate of Inflation (%) Last week*
April,1991	11.4